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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICATIONS FROM AMCONSUL ADANA

1. THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM AMCONSUL ADANA IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE:

"1. POST HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FOR MEDICATION NON-OBTAINABLE IN TURKEY ON BEHALF OF MRS. MUSERREF HUR, WIFE OF A RETIRED TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE OFFICER.

"2. DRUGS, PRESCRIBED BY ANKARA PHYSICIAN DR. KAZIM BATUR (WHO HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY CONSUL MANN) ARE FOR POST OPERATIVE TREATMENT OF CANCER TUMORS. THEY ARE: 1) ACTINOMYCIN - D, ALSO KNOWN AS COSMOGEN. DR. BATUR HAS REQUESTED FOUR BOTTLES IN LYOVAC FORM (I.E. SUITABLE FOR INTRAVENOUS); AND 2) CYTOXAN, ALSO KNOWN AS ENDOXAN, CYCLOPHOSPHAMIDE.

3. IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE POST, THE USAF HOSPITAL AT INCIRLIK UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF ITS COMMANDER COL. ROBERT BONNER HAS CONDUCTED A PAINSTAKING SEARCH OF ALL USAF INVENTORIES IN EUROPE. ACTINOMYCIN-D, WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THE TWO DRUGS IS NOT ONLY NOT AVAILABLE BUT NOT EVEN LISTED IN ANY USG SUPPLY CATALOGUE. THUS COMMERCIAL PROCUREMENT APPEARS MANDATED.

"4. DR. BONNER BELIEVES THAT ACTINOMYCIN-D, WHICH HAS BEEN MANUFACTURED BY MERCK, SHARP AND DOME MIGHT BE MOST EASILY UNCLASSIFIED

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OBTAINED IN GERMANY FROM MERCK'S PARENT COMPANY. CYTOXAN IS

REPORTEDLY MANUFACTURED BY MEADE-JOHNSON.

"5. THE REQUEST TO THE CONSULATE ON BEHALF OF MRS. HUR WAS MADE BY SADIK KOKSAL, CHIEF OF THE FIRST SECTION (POLITICAL) OF THE TURKISH NATIONAL POLICE IN ADANA PROVINCE. MR. KOKSAL IS THE PRIMARY CONTACT IN ALL MATTERS AFFECTING LOCAL SECURITY OF US INSTALLATIONS AND OFFICIAL PREMISES IN THIS AREA. HE IS ALSO A KEY CONTACT IN ANY CASE INVOLVING POSSIBLE CHARGES AGAINST AMERICANS UNDER TURKISH LAW.

"6. I RECOMMEND EXPEDITIOUS FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AND DELIVERING THE ABOVE NAMED DRUGS--ESPECIALLY ACTINOMYCIN-D-- ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND AS IN THE EVIDENT US NATIONAL INTEREST. VON DEN STEINEN".

2. EMBASSY SUPPORTS REQUEST.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE PROCUREMENT AND SHIPPING COSTS. FISCAL DATA WILL BE PROVIDED UPON AVAILABILITY OF MEDICATION.

4. IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUESTED.  
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